Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 151

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN


Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

RETIREMENT/TEACHERS:  Relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of La. (TRSL), allows certain reemployed retirees to receive retirement benefits during reemployment

1                                      AN ACT

2    To amend and reenact R.S. 11:710(A)(3) and to enact R.S. 11:710(A)(4), relative to the

3          Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to allow certain reemployed retirees to

4          receive benefits during reemployment; to provide an effective date; and to provide

5          for related matters.

6                 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published

7                 as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution

8                 of Louisiana.

9    Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10         Section 1.  R.S. 11:710(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.

11   11:710(A)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12         §710.  Employment of retirees

13                 A.  For purposes of this Section, "retired teacher" shall mean any of the

14         following:

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16                 (3)  A ~~retired member who returns to active service covered by the provisions~~

17         ~~of this Chapter~~ member who retired on or before June 30, 2010.

18                 (4)  Any retired member returning to active service covered by the provisions

19         of this Chapter whose earnings from such active service in a given fiscal year do not

1          exceed twenty-five percent of his benefit during such fiscal year.  If actual earnings

2          exceed this amount in any fiscal year, the benefits payable to the retiree shall be

3          reduced by the amount in excess of twenty-five percent of his benefit.

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5          Section 2.  This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2011; if vetoed by the governor

6   and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,

7   2011, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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## DIGEST

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Hoffmann                                                                                      HB No. 151

**Abstract:** Relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of La. (TRSL), allows a reemployed
retiree to receive a retirement benefit during reemployment if his earnings in a given
year do not exceed 25% of his retirement benefit.  Also allows a person retired as of
June 30, 2010, to receive a retirement benefit during reemployment.

Present law prohibits any TRSL retiree other than a "retired teacher" from receiving a
retirement benefit while reemployed.  Provides that anyone other than a "retired teacher"
shall have his benefit suspended during reemployment.  Defines "retired teacher" as:

(1)     Any retired member who returns to work full-time or part-time as a classroom
        teacher offering instructional services to any student in grades K through 12 in a
        "critical shortage area".

(2)     Any other retired member reemployed on or before June 30, 2010.

(3)     Any retired member who returns to active service as a full-time certified speech
        therapist, speech pathologist, or audiologist whose position of employment requires
        a valid La. ancillary certificate approved and issued by the state Dept. of Education
        in a school district where a shortage exists.

Proposed law changes the definition of "retired teacher" in (2) above to apply to members
having retired as of June 30, 2010.   Such persons may receive a benefit during
reemployment.

Proposed law adds to the definition of "retired teacher", and therefore to the list of
reemployed retirees who may receive a benefit during reemployment, any retiree reemployed
in any TRSL-eligible position whose earnings in a fiscal year do not exceed 25% of his
benefit.  Requires a reduction in benefits to offset any earnings in excess of 25%.

Effective July 1, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 11:710(A)(3); Adds R.S. 11:710(A)(4))

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are additions.